(xix) Government is promoting appropriate applications of electronics to improve productivity, quality, safety and quality of services.

(xx) Various projects have been initiated by the Technology Development Council, National Radar Council, National Micro-electronics Council and Electronic Materials Development Council with a view to promote innovation, product design and development and technology development which are all basic for the growth of a healthy electronics industry;

(xxi) Various research centres and laboratories such as the Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering and Research, National Centre for Software Technology, Centre for Development of Telematics, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing Technology, Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology for Development of material and several Electronics Research and Development Centres have been set up to carry out R&D in well identified areas which is also a measure for developing self reliant industrial base; and

(xxii) For developing awareness of quality, a network of standardisation, testing and quality control laboratories have been set up. Some of these laboratories are authorised to test and certify for international and national quality standards. This must help in the export of electronic products.

[Translation]

Transfer of Various Schemes to States

3209. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Planning Commission has any proposal to hand over the plans/projects of regional importance to the State Governments concerned ;

(b) if so, whether a list of such plans/projects have been prepared ; and

(c) the names of the plans/projects proposed to be transferred to the Government of Rajasthan under the said proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) :

(a) No, Sir. (b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

Loan disbursed under IRDP in Tamil Nadu

3210. SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the amount of loan disbursed under the IRDP in Tamil Nadu during 1989, 1990 and 1991, yearwise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL) : The amount of loan disbursed under IRDP in the State of Tamil Nadu is as follows :